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**West Covina Man Sentenced to Jail
for Altercation with Officers**

A 24-year-old man who doused himself with gasoline and wrangled with police officers pleaded no contest yesterday and was sentenced to jail, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Juan Carlos Urrutia of West Covina pleaded no contest to one felony count of resisting an executive officer. The defendant was immediately sentenced by Los Angeles County Superior Court Commissioner Wade Olson to 16 months in county jail.

Prosecutors said on the morning of May 10 Urrutia saturated himself with gasoline and walked into traffic. Authorities were called and, as they attempted to approach the defendant, he began tussling with two police officers.

Following the scuffle, the defendant was taken into custody and charged on May 13.

The case was investigated by the West Covina Police Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.